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work in this movement. He definitely asked young people in this country to sign petitions that shall go to Congress. That is one of the hopeful signs of the times. That is the way public opinion is being made and can be made. I submit that it is time for all of us to be at work. We are not to let Dr. Hale and a few Boston people, and a few more in Philadelphia and Baltimore, do this work. Let us all take hold and not stand around the edges criticizing the work of others. Each of us can have influence and power over his own circle if he will, and can help push this movement to a triumphant close. It was said here two years ago, "The old treaty, as amended, was not worth saving; but its spirit, like John Brown's soul, goes marching on." It is for every one of us, the rank and file of this Conference, to help quicken the pace.

How Long?

GEORGE SHEPARD BURLEIGH.

When shall the noise of battle cease,
With red Bellona's crimson flood?
When shall the crystal fount of Peace
Wash out the hideous stain of blood?

Almost two thousand years of Christ
Above the bleeding earth have rolled,
Still man by man is sacrificed
As on the Moloch shrines of old!

Unnumbered temples rise to claim
The Prince of Peace for sovereign Lord;
Yet millions in His holy name
Baptize the murder-seeking sword.

O, shameless mockery of hell!
To prate of peace while rending homes
Of wives and babes with shot and shell,
That wrap in fire their temple domes!

How long, O Lord of love, how long
Shalt Thou be served with double tongue,
And pæans of victorious wrong
Before thy altar-fires be sung?

Ye nations, taught in Holy books
To serve with love the Lord of lords,
Your vines demand their pruning-hooks,
The blameless plowshares need your swords!

Abstract of Annual Report of the London Peace Society

The Annual Report of the Peace Society, 47 New Broad Street, London, E. C., notices the coincidence of the opening of the Peace Conference at The Hague, and congratulates its members on the success of the principles which have been so long proclaimed by the Society. It refers to the recent peace agitation in this country, with the origin, conduct and progress of which the Society had much to do, and states that at the London office resolutions adopted at over 1,200 meetings had been received.

The Peace Sunday movement had reached its highest point of development, 40,000 invitations to ministers having been issued by the Society, and 5,000 replies, with

promises of about 8,000 sermons and addresses, having been received. Reference is made to a dozen instances of arbitration in progress or initiated during the year, and especially to the general treaty of arbitration concluded between Italy and the Argentine Republic, which, it is claimed, has done for the peace movement what the Anglo-American Treaty would have accomplished had it been ratified.

The regular work of the Society has been carried on with the usual vigor throughout the year, and the recent agitation has afforded the members and agents of the Society opportunities of which they have availed themselves to the full.

The autumnal meetings of the Society were held in Exeter, and proved a great success. The lantern lectures have been in greater demand than ever, and several sets have been in nearly constant use in various parts of the country. The circulation of the *Herald of Peace* steadily increases. Constant expressions of interest and approval reach the editor.

The Secretary has been unusually occupied, and has taken a very active part in the promotion and carrying on of the Peace Crusade; and, in addition to his duties at the office, and increased labors as the result of the Czar's Rescript, has addressed over sixty meetings during the year, besides attending the Peace Congress at Turin.

A telegram was sent in the name of the Society to the Emperor of Russia, and memorials forwarded to him and the British Government, with copies of a new edition of *International Tribunals* by the Secretary, of which one hundred copies have been distributed by Mr. de Staal among the delegates to the Conference at The Hague, and bound copies of the papers which have been distributed very widely by the Society in connection with the question raised in the Czar's Rescript.

More than 300,000 copies of pamphlets and papers have been issued since the last report, and a quarter of a million distributed in connection with Peace Sunday.

Song of Peace.

BY JOHN RUSKIN.

[Mrs. V. L. Owen, of Springfield, Mass., calls our attention to some errors in Ruskin's "Song of Peace" as it appeared in our columns some time ago. We reprint it here with errors corrected.]

Put off, put off your mail, ye kings, and beat your brands to dust;
A surer grasp your hands must know, your hearts a better trust;
Nay, bend aback the lance's point, and break the helmet bar,—
A noise is on the morning winds, but not the noise of war!

Among the grassy mountain-paths the glittering troops increase;
They come! they come! how fair their feet—they come that publish peace;
Yea, Victory! fair Victory! our enemies' and ours,
And all the clouds are clasped in light, and all the earth with flowers.

Ah! still depressed and dim with dew, but yet a little while
And radiant with the deathless Rose the wilderness shall smile,
And every tender living thing shall feed by streams of rest,
Nor lamb shall from the fold be lost, nor nursling from the nest.